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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

8:00-10:00 a.m., the Committee Chairmen will meet.

10:00 a.m. until noon, the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet.

1:00-5:00 p.m., the Habitat Committee (with Advisors and the SSC).

7:00 p.m., there will be a scoping meeting for Amendment 11 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP); Amendment 11 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP; and Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP.

Wednesday, January 28, 1998

8:00 a.m. until noon, Council will meet.

12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m., the Executive Committee will have a luncheon meeting.

1:30-2:00 p.m., Council will meet.

2:00-5:00 p.m., the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet.

5:00-5:30 p.m., the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet.

7:00 p.m., there will be a Monkfish FMP Public Hearing.

Thursday, January 29, 1998

8:00-11:15 a.m., Council will meet at which time there will be a Stock Assessment Workshop which is scheduled to last approximately 2 hours.

Agenda items include: Reviewing the 1998 work schedule; demand forecasting as part of the surfclam and ocean quahog quota setting process; Interim final guidelines on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH), nonfishing threats to EFH, description and identification of bluefish EFH, and fishing gear impacts on EFH; possible recommendations concerning proposed regulation changes for highly migratory species; revision to Election Policy in Statement of Operating Practices and Procedures (SOPPs), review SOPPs regarding Council-staff interaction, and possible adoption of a revised 1998 budget; discuss Amendment 7 (particularly mackerel entry limitation) for Atlantic mackerel, squid, and butterfish; and discuss vessel replacement criteria and scup/*Loligo* interaction.

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary;

other items may be added. These meetings may also be closed at any time to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

George H. Darcy,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010598A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 774-1439)

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robert L. Brownell, Jr., NMFS, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals of several species for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Area Office, 2570 Dole St., Rm. 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by email or other electronic media.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The purpose of the proposed research is to collect data to estimate abundance by species and to determine population structure for these species. Research surveys will be conducted in U.S. territorial and international waters over a five-year period and harassment of several marine mammal species may occur in the form of vessel approach, helicopter and small plane photogrammetry, biopsy sample collection, photography, and tagging and tracking of individual animals.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Technical Advisory Committee to
Develop a Federal Information
Processing Standard for the Federal
Key Management Infrastructure**

AGENCY: Technology Administration,
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure will hold a meeting on February 25-26, 1998. The Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure was established by the Secretary of Commerce to provide industry advice to the Department on encryption key recovery for use by federal government agencies. All sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 26-27, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will take place at the Holiday Inn Select, 595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Roback, Committee Secretary and Designated Federal Official, Computer Security Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 426, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899; telephone 301-975-3696. Please do not call the conference facility regarding details of this meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Agenda:

Opening Remarks
Chairperson's Remarks
News Updates (Members, Federal Liaisons, Secretariat)
Working Group (WG) Reports
Intellectual Property Issues (as necessary)
Public Participation
Plans for Next Meeting
Closing Remarks

Note: The items in this agenda are tentative and subject to change due to logistics and speaker availability.

2. Public Participation: The Committee meeting will include a

period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the individual identified in the "for further information" section. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Committee at any time. Written comments should be directed to the Technical Advisory Committee to Develop a Federal Information Processing Standard for the Federal Key Management Infrastructure, Building 820, Room 426, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899. It would be appreciated if sixty copies could be submitted for distribution to the Committee and other meeting attendees.

3. Additional information regarding the Committee is available at its world wide web homepage at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/tacdfipskmi/>.

*4. Should this meeting be canceled, a notice to that effect will be published in the **Federal Register** and a similar notice placed on the Committee's electronic homepage.*

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Mark Bohannon,

Chief Counsel for Technology Administration.

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE
AGREEMENTS**

**Amendment of Quota and Visa
Requirements for Certain Man-Made
Fiber Textile Products Produced or
Manufactured in Malaysia**

January 6, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending quota and visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 14, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

In exchange of notes dated November 22, 1997 and December 22, 1997, the Governments of the United States and Malaysia agreed that discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff

Schedule (HTS) numbers 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025 and 5516.14.0085 in Category 611 which is produced or manufactured in Malaysia and imported on or after January 1, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa requirements and will not be subject to 1998 limits. The new designation for Category 611 will be 611-O. The 1998 quota level for the new part-Category 611-O remains unchanged.

Effective on January 14, 1998, products in Category 611, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported from Malaysia on or after January 1, 1998 must be accompanied by a 611-O part-category visa. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1998 through January 31, 1998 during which products exported from Malaysia in Category 611 may be accompanied by the whole or new part-category visa. A visa will not be required for discharge printed fabric in Category 611 beginning on January 1, 1998, regardless of the date of export.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend export quota and visa requirements.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 52 FR 32158, published on August 26, 1987; and 62 FR 18758, published on April 17, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 6, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 22, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which begins on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on January 14, 1998, discharge printed fabric classified in Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers 5516.14.0005, 5516.14.0025, 5516.14.0085 in Category 611 which is produced or manufactured in Malaysia and imported on or after January 1, 1998 will no longer be subject to visa requirements and will not be subject to 1998